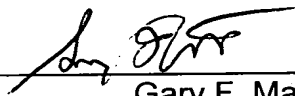


## REMARKS

The present amendment seeks to place the application in better conformance with U.S. practice. The section cross-referencing to a related patent application is amended to include the serial no. and filing date of the German patent application to which this application claims priority.

Entry of the amendment and early allowance of claims 1-8 are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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